

Agriculture in Washington

The value of Washington's 2003 agricultural production reached a near record \$5.79 billion, 3.7 percent above 2002. The record stands at \$5.88 billion which was set in 1995.

Top Five: Apples continue to top the list with a value of production of \$1.16 billion, a 12.9 percent increase over 2002. Apples represent 20 percent of the total agricultural value produced. Milk ranked second with a value of \$675 million, slightly above the \$674 million in 2002. The value of wheat, at \$521 million, increased 4.9 percent over 2002, ranking third. Potatoes ranked fourth with production of \$489 million, a decrease of 4.6 percent from last year. Rounding out the top five was cattle and calves with \$475 million, an increase of 5.4 percent from last year.

These five commodities had a combined value of \$3.32 billion, or 57 percent of the 2003 total value for all commodities, unchanged from last year. The same five commodities in 2002, had a combined value of \$3.16 billion. In 2001 comparable figures were \$3.20 billion and 58 percent.

Record Highs: Record high values of production for major crops were record for apples, blueberries, all cherries, all pears, onions, and nursery and greenhouse products (including floriculture). Apple value of production was \$1.16 billion, blueberries had a value of \$12.1 million, cherries had a value of \$175 million, onions had a value of

\$247 million, all pears had a value of \$129 million, and nursery and greenhouse was \$313 million.

Commodity Groups: Field crops had the highest value in 2003 with \$1.74 billion, 3.2 percent below 2002. The Fruits and Nuts group was close behind with \$1.61 billion, 11.1 percent above the previous year. Commercial Vegetables totaled \$419 million compared with \$362 million in 2002. Berry crops were \$65.7 million in 2003, up 5.4 percent from 2002's \$62.4 million.

Livestock and livestock products increased 3.7 percent above 2002 to \$1.45 billion. Specialty products, which include forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, nursery and other horticultural products, and mushrooms had a combined value of \$508 million, 1.5 percent lower than 2002.

Another way to evaluate each crop is to look at the value per harvested acre, which reflects both the yield and price. Non-storage onions topped the list again in 2003 with a value of \$12,506 per acre. Next in line was apples with a value of \$7,130 and sweet cherries with a value of \$6,505 per harvested acre.

Government payments in 2003 totaled \$265 million, slightly over 4 percent of the total value. This was 24 percent above the previous year.

Value of Production and Government Payments, 1994-2003

Year	Field Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Berry Crops	Total Crops	Specialty Products 1/	Livestock & Products	Total Value of Prod.	Govt. Paymts.	Total Value 2/
1,000 Dollars										
1994	1,621,096	1,061,984	302,586	59,359	3,045,025	648,367	1,441,631	5,135,023	152,840	5,287,863
1995	2,121,180	1,351,311	317,143	53,159	3,842,793	640,724	1,396,123	5,879,640	116,062	5,995,702
1996	2,082,200	1,232,736	307,635	54,431	3,677,002	575,704	1,459,933	5,712,639	155,364	5,868,003
1997	1,869,686	1,235,820	357,558	50,183	3,513,247	577,351	1,443,135	5,533,733	147,263	5,680,996
1998	1,648,070	1,070,299	357,016	40,405	3,115,790	584,544	1,540,021	5,240,355	260,524	5,500,879
1999	1,573,895	1,233,033	299,306	66,252	3,172,486	592,518	1,550,806	5,315,810	270,594	5,586,404
2000	1,678,026	1,164,734	329,667	46,739	3,219,166	587,592	1,519,056	5,325,814	352,503	5,678,317
2001	1,725,181	1,315,186	310,235	61,534	3,412,136	532,961	1,604,115	5,549,212	298,784	5,847,996
2002	1,798,986	1,450,754	361,775	62,378	3,673,893	515,510	1,396,461	5,585,864	214,138	5,800,002
2003	1,741,430	1,612,247	419,470	65,740	3,838,887	507,663	1,448,187	5,794,737	265,089	6,059,826

1/ Includes forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, nursery and other horticultural products, and mushrooms.

2/ Includes government payments.